

Elements to Include on the Back Side of the Map

The Sunnyvale Bike Map

The Sunnyvale bike map was developed as a way to encourage more people to bicycle in Sunnyvale. Bicycling in Sunnyvale is a great way to get around because of the mild weather, flat terrain and a growing network of bicycle lanes and trails. Bicycling instead of driving will improve fitness, as well as reduce air pollution, and is a fun, dependable and virtually free mode of transportation.

The goals of the map are to:

- identify a network of the best streets and paths for cycling;
- educate cyclists about their rights and responsibilities as roadway users;
- inform cyclists about access to public transit;
- and to recognize cycling as a legitimate mode of transportation.

Sunnyvale Facts

Location – Sunnyvale is located at the southwest end of the San Francisco Bay.

Population – 131,760 (2000)

Land Area – 24 square miles

Miles of Streets – 298 miles

Bike Facilities – Miles of bike lane
 Miles of bike routes
 Miles of trails

Transit and Rail Facilities – VTA Bus and Light Rail, Sunnyvale Caltrain Station, Lawrence Caltrain Station, VTA and Caltrain Shuttles (including ACE Shuttle and Mary/Moffett Shuttle)

Bicycling Safety Tips

[this section will include “how to ride in traffic” tips and accompanying graphics.]

ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET –Three out of four bicycling deaths are caused by head injury. Like a seat belt in a car, a helmet can make the difference between life and death in a collision or fall. Quality, comfort and selection have improved greatly in the past few years, and the cost of a helmet is negligible compared to your life or medical bills.

All bicyclists 18 years and younger by law must wear a helmet that meets the ANSI or SNELL or ASTM F-1447 standards when operating a bicycle.

KEEP YOUR BICYCLE WELL MAINTAINED AND ADJUSTED –You can’t ride safely on an unsafe bike. Of particular importance are the brakes, tires, and proper tire inflation.

CARRY GEAR SAFELY – It’s best to use panniers or a basket attached to your bike. You may also use a courier bag or a backpack to safely carry items while

riding. Never carry items in your hands or hung over your handlebars. Consider a trailer if you have a child or lots of items to transport.

Be Predictable – Ride so drivers can see you and predict your movements.

Remember that the rules in the driver's manual apply to bicyclists also.

Be Alert – Ride defensively and expect the unexpected. Remember, bicyclists are more vulnerable.

Be Equipped – Your bicycle should be in good working order. Be sure to wear a helmet and if desired other protective gear such as a rear-view mirror, reflective clothing, gloves and sunglasses.

Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a group of Sunnyvale residents appointed by the City Council to recommend bicycle and pedestrian project priorities and priorities for implementation of Sunnyvale's Bicycle Program. The BPAC works closely with the Department of Public Works and other City Departments in the formulation of enhanced education and bicycle safety programs.

The seven member advisory committee meets at City Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the West Conference Room. The meetings are open to the public.

Bicycle Organizations/Resources

511 Bay Area Travel Guide - <http://bicycling.511.org>

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition – www.scvbbikes.org 408-867-9797

Bay Area Bicycle Coalition - www.bayareabikes.org 415-246-8078

California Bicycle Coalition – www.calbike.org 916-446-7558

League of American Bicyclists – www.bikeleague.org 202-822-1333

Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee -

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/City+Council/Boards+and+Commissions/Bicycle+and+PED/> 408-730-7415

Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee – www.vta.org 408-321-5680

Road Hazard Reporting

If you encounter a problem with the traffic signals or roadways within the City of Sunnyvale contact the Division of Transportation and Traffic at (408)730-7415 or bpac@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us .

To report a road hazard on El Camino Real, contact Caltrans at 408-436-0930

To report a road hazard on Central Expressway or Lawrence Expressway, contact Santa Clara County at 408-686-0605 or roads@countyroads.org.

The Bike/Transit Connection

Cycling is great for short distances. When combined with transit, the entire Bay Area is accessible.

Bicycles can be accommodated on all major forms of public transportation in Bay Area. Exceptions are San Francisco Muni Metro, historic streetcars and cable cars.

Caltrain – Bicycles are welcome on all trains at all times -- as long as there is space. The number of bicycles is limited to 32 per gallery car train and 16 per Bombardier car (Baby Bullet) train. The northern-most car is designated as the "bike" car. Look for the black bike on yellow sticker which designates the proper car. Call 800-660-4287 for helpful destination tags for your bike.



VTA Buses- VTA has equipped all buses with exterior bike racks that can accommodate up to two bicycles. When the rack is filled, up to two bicycles will be allowed inside the bus subject to the driver's discretion and when passenger loads are light. The buses on the Highway 17 Express and the Dumbarton Express are also equipped with bike racks which can accommodate up to two bicycles. Bicycles are not allowed inside the bus on the Highway 17 Express and Dumbarton Express.

VTA Light Rail - All light rail vehicles are equipped with interior bike racks. The maximum number of bicycles allowed inside a light rail vehicle is six. Up to four bicycles can be accommodated in the racks provided, with two additional bicycles allowed to stand on the floor in the center section (turntable area) of the vehicle. All bicycles must be boarded through the center doors of each car, and they are restricted to the designated area in the center section (turntable area) of the vehicle.

Lockers/Bike Racks – Both Sunnyvale Caltrain Stations have lockers and racks for bikes. Call Caltrain at 408-321-7520 for more information.

Bicycle Registration

Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety requires all bicycles to be registered. A license can be purchased from any Fire Station between 5-6 p.m. daily. The fee is currently \$6 for a 3-year license.

BPAC DPW - Yahoo! Spare the Air Transportation Fair - June 22nd, 2005**ATTACHMENT**

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From: "Danielle Bricker" <dbricker@yahoo-inc.com>
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Date: 6/3/2005 12:55 PM
Subject: Yahoo! Spare the Air Transportation Fair - June 22nd, 2005

Hello!

Yahoo! is pleased to invite you to participate in our annual Spare the Air Transportation Fair on **Wednesday, June 22nd**.

This event will take place from 11:30am – 2pm at our offices in Sunnyvale. Directions and more event information are included on the attached form. If a representative from your organization is able to attend and staff a table, please complete the attached form and respond by Monday, June 15th.

Many thanks for your continuing outreach efforts and I hope to see you on June 22nd!

Regards,
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Subject: Fremont bike lane

Hi,

Any news on the re-doing the bike lane on Fremont between Hollenbeck & Mary?

Thanks,
Susan